



Destination Stations

Adventures of a Transportation Nerd in Taiwan

Spring Break Study Abroad Trip - Moving (and Eating) Around Taiwan

- Mostly in Taipei and New Taipei City, with a day trip to Kaohsiung
- Attended presentations and tours by Taiwanese city officials, company representatives, and professors
- Rode and studied the country's Mass Rapid Transit, High Speed Rail, bus, and bicycle systems
- Explored Taipei 101, night markets, parks, and other attractions with students from National Taipei University
- Sampled local delicacies and experienced Taiwanese family-style dining



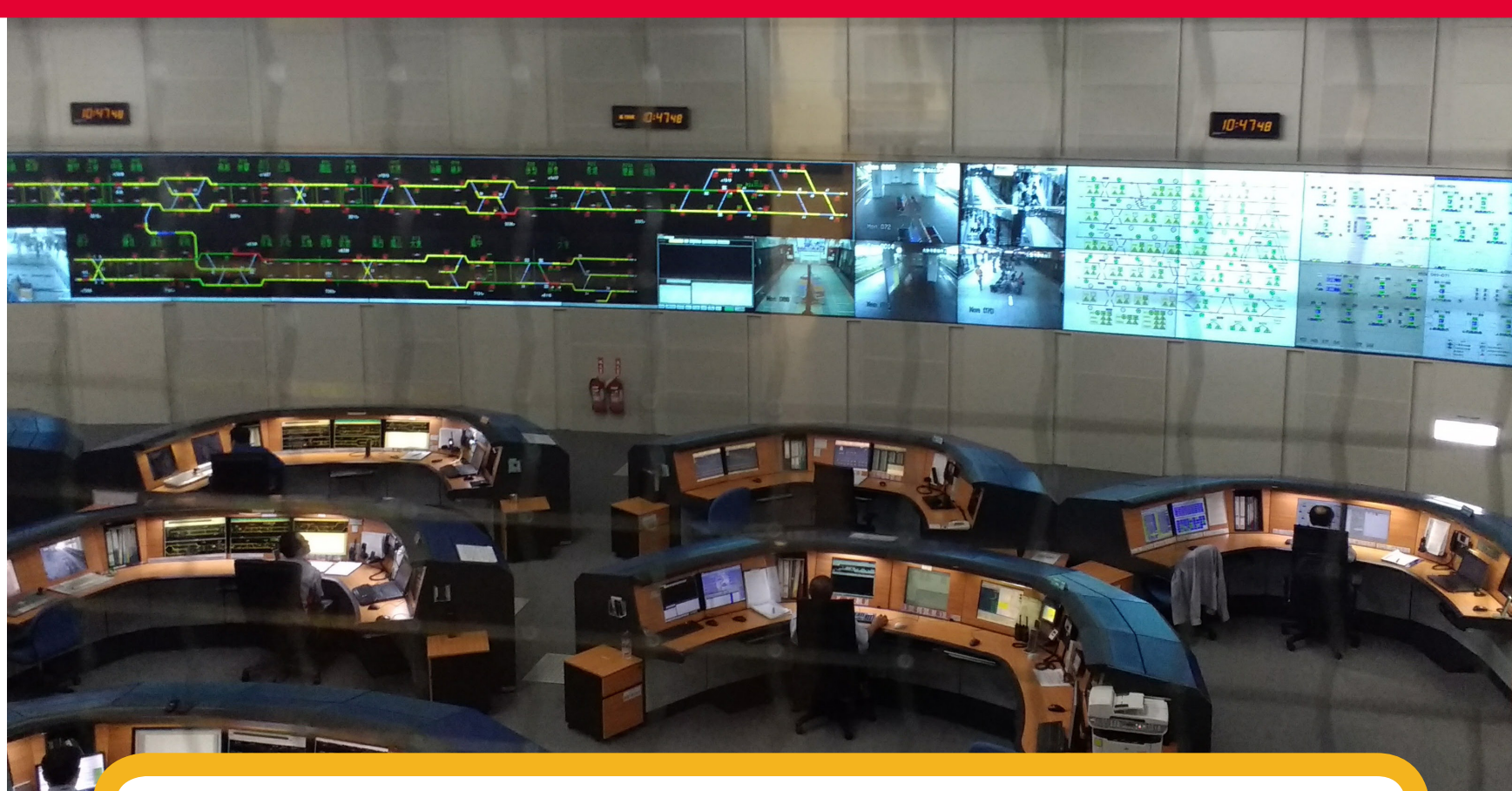
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Kaohsiung MRT Control Boards



City Government and Rapid Transit HQ



Sanxia Old Street Temple



True Heart Restaurant



Soldier Demonstration at Memorial Hall

What I Learned

As planners of transportation systems, we need to...

- Recognize that it takes more than logistics for people to take transit.
- Make public transportation preferable to driving a private vehicle by creating a user experience.



Daan Park Station



Signage and Stamps



Formosa Boulevard "Dome of Light"



Shaved Ice Like You've Never Seen Before

Personal Impact

My experience in Taiwan opened my eyes to just how big the world is. If you have never been on a 14-hour plane flight, let me tell you that it is a LONG time. In a country with a population density 22 times that of the US, it was easy to feel inconsequential among so many people.

Taiwan also opened my eyes to what I could handle. Taking in a new place with a new culture and language, all while meeting a slew of new people (especially as an introvert) was honestly quite challenging at times.

Learning Stretches from a Local



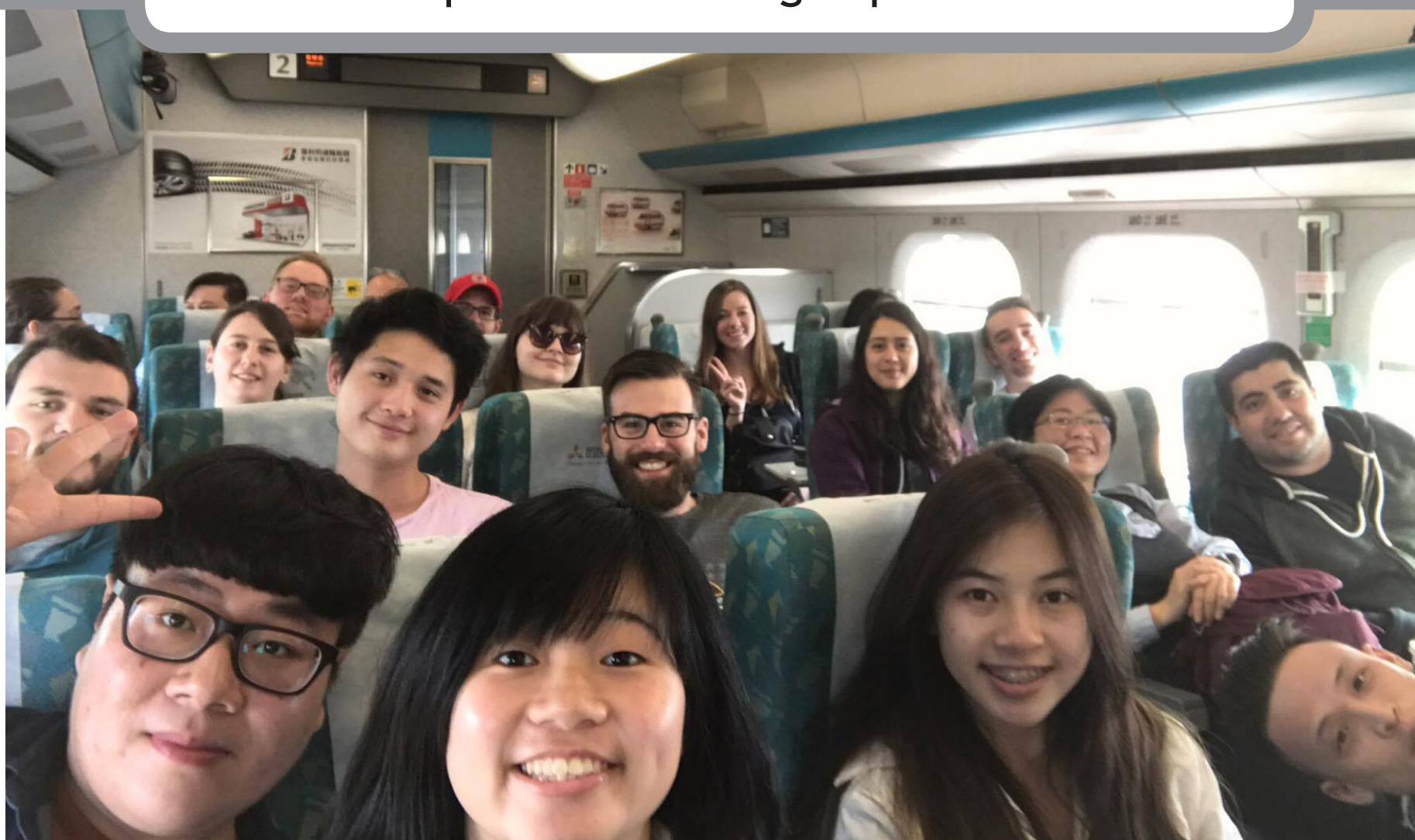
People Everywhere



Impact on Academic, Personal, and Life Goals

While in Taiwan, I made connections and friendships with OSU grad students and students at National Taipei University - one of them even visited us here in Columbus! My experiences reinforced my interest in international infrastructure and transportation planning, and I learned how much I have yet to learn!

Group Selfie on a High Speed Train



Viola Visiting Us in Columbus



Me and My Friend Ivy at the Beach



Basking in the Glory of Some Xiaolongbao



A couple of my favorite parts of my study abroad experience were biking along the Tamsui River to the coast and eating Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings).

My Favorite Part

Bikes Galore: Rented and Shared

